Special Project on Indian Economy

1335. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has undertaken a special project to study the recent international developments and their impact on the Indian economy with a view to suggesting corrective measures; and

(b) if so, the details of the specific studies undertaken so far, the conclusions drawn and the corrective measures, suggested, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Planning Commission has not undertaken any special project to study the recent international developments and their impact on the Indian economy with a view to suggesting corrective measures.

(b) Does not arise.

Identification of Persons Living Below Poverty Line

1336. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether following over 20 starvation deaths in Orissa, the Apex Court had taken note of the fact that the population living Below Poverty Line in different States, district-wise, had not yet been identified.

(b) if so, whether such population (BPL) has since been identified; if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the reasons for a considerable delay in such identification, after the scheme for special PDS for BPL people was introduced; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that the benefits of the scheme reach those for whom it was intended to in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN):

(a) to (c) A Writ Petition (Civil) No. 196 of 2001 in Supreme Court has been filed by People's Union for Civil Liberties *Vs* Union of India and others. The Writ Petition alleges that there are innumerable cases of starvation deaths reported across the country. No starvation death has been reported by the State Government in Orissa. Apex Court in its interim order dated 3.9.2001 noted that 16 States and Union Territories namely Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Goa, Manipur, Nagaland, Orissa, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttaranchal, West Bengal, Chandigarh, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry have not as yet identified the families under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana.

Now Antyodaya Anna Yojana has been implemented in all States/UTs except Arunachal Pradesh, Delhi, Lakshadweep, Manipur and Tamil Nadu where also the scheme is under advanced stage of implementation. The status of identification of beneficiaries under AAY State-wise given in the statement (*See* below).

Antyodaya Anna Yojana was launched on 25.12.2000. Detailed guidelines for identification of beneficiaries and implementation of AAY were sent to States/UTs. They were asked to identify the allotted estimated number of poorest of the poor family out of the BPL families by actively involving Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). Since proper identification is the crucial element in the success of the scheme, a considerable time has been taken by some States in making elaborate arrangements for proper identification.

(d) In order to ensure that the benefits of the AAY reaches to the intended beneficiaries, detailed guidelines of AAY were issued to States suggesting steps for identification of Antyodaya beneficiaries with active involvement of PRIs. Government has also issued PDS (Control) Order, 2001 under Section 3 of Essential Commodities Act 1955 wherein, involvement of PRIs in identification of beneficiaries and implementation of the scheme has been made obligatory as a measure of social audit. The order also provide that the State Governments shall get the list of BPL and Antyodaya families reviewed every year, so that only eligible persons remain there. It also provides for periodical checking of ration cards to weed out ineligible and bogus ration cards and bogus units in the ration cards.

Statement

State-wise Number of Antyodaya Beneficiaries

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of Antyodaya families as per AAY guidelines	No. of Antyodaya families actually identified	Comments
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6,22,800	6,22,800	
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	15,100		Identification and issue of distinctive ration cards to AAY families is under process.
3.	Assam	2,81,500	2,81,500	
4.	Bihar	1,000,000	9,99,982	
5.	Chhattisgarh	2,87,400	2,87,400	
6.	Delhi	62,600		Identification and issue of distinctive ration cards to AAY families is under process.
7.	Goa	7,300	7,300	
8.	Gujarat	3,25,000	2,60,000	
9.	Haryana	1,20,900	98,214	
10.	Himachal Pradesh	78,700	78,700	
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	1,12,900	1,12,900	
12.	Jharkhand	3,66,500	3,66,500	
13.	Karnataka	4,79,700	3,87,155	
14.	Kerala	2,38,200	2,38,200	
15.	Madhya Pradesh	6,32,400	6,32,400	
16.	Maharashtra	10,01,700	10,01,700	
17.	Manipur	25,500		Identification and issue of distinctive ration cards to AAY families is under process.
18.	Meghalaya	28,100	28,100	
19.	Mizoram	10,500	10,500	
20.	Nagaland	18,900	18,900	
21.	Orissa	5,05,500	5,05,500	
22.	Punjab	71,700	71,700	

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of Antyodaya families as per AAY guidelines	No. of Antyodaya families actually identified	Comments
23.	Rajasthan	3,72,600	3,72,600	
24.	Sikkim	6,700	6,700	
25.	Tamil Nadu	7,45,500		Identification and issue of distinctive ration cards to AAY families is under process.
26.	Tripura	45,224	45,224	
27.	Uttar Pradesh	16,37,100	16,37,100	
28.	Uttranchal	76,300	76,300	
29.	West Bengal	7,93,900	7,93,900	
30.	A & N Islands	4,300	4,300	
31.	Chandigarh	3,500	2,100	
32.	D & N Haveli	2,800	2,800	
33.	Daman & Diu	600	600	
34.	Lakshadweep	400		Identification and issue of distinctive ration cards to AAY families is under process.
35.	Pondicherry	12,800	9,000	
	TOTAL	99,95,400	82,90,036	

Gramodaya Schemes for rural people

1337. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started any 'Gramodaya Scheme' to cater to the needs of the important sectors like availability of drinking water, housing, nutrition, primary health, elementary education and rural electrification in order to uplift the living standard in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main objective of the said scheme;

(d) the details of the targets under the said scheme and the amount allocated to each State/UT; and